

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY SENATE 1/10/69

The University Senate met at 2:17 p.m., Friday, January 10, 1969, in the Faculty Conference Room, sixth floor, Library. President Elliott presided.

The minutes of the December 13th meeting were approved after a correction proposed by Professor E. L. Stevens was made to change the first sentence on page 4 to read

"Professor Stevens asked Professor Sharpe for a definition of the word 'member' as used throughout the Resolution and also for a clarification of the intent of sub-paragraph (d) of the Resolution."

Professor Wood, Chairman of the Executive Committee, announced that Professor John R. Rizzo had been elected to serve in the Senate as a member pro tem for Professor Harry R. Page of the School of Government, who will be on sabbatical leave during the Spring Semester. The Chairman also announced that Dr. Castell, Director of Health Services, had informed him that a limited supply of Hong Kong influenza vaccine was available for faculty members who wish to be inoculated.

Professor Cronin placed in nomination the following persons to serve as a Sub-Committee on Registration under the Committee on Administrative Matters as They Affect the Faculty:

Bertha Bernheisel, Associate Registrar
Candace Erickson, Student Representative
Maurice Heartfield, Assistant Treasurer
Frederick R. Houser, Registrar
W. W. Kirkpatrick, Associate Dean, Law School
George Koehl, Associate Dean, Columbian College
Herbert Kreppein, Data Processing Manager
Homer Lange, Assistant Business Manager
Frederick Naramore, Comptroller
C. H. Walther, Asst. V. P. for Academic Affairs
R. C. Willson, Faculty Representative

During the brief discussion that followed Professor Brewer commented that while he realized that certain of the nominees on the list could be considered in double capacities, he felt the faculty should have a significant voice in registration procedures, and that there should be full faculty participation in the solution of registration problems.

Professor Wood observed that it was his understanding that the Sub-Committee would concern itself only with registration matters and not with general considerations by the Committee on Administrative Matters, and that liaison

between the Committee and the Sub-Committee would be largely through the Chairman of the Committee on Administrative Matters.

There being no further nominations from the floor, Professor Wood moved the nominations be closed, and the above-listed Sub-Committee members were elected unanimously.

During the period provided for statements by Senate members and by visitors, Miss Rhonda Billig, President of Student Council, was recognized. She charged that the Senate had ignored the students' request for changes in the examination schedule. The students, she asserted, had been "shuffled from committee to committee until it was too late to change the schedule." While she could not in "good conscience" recommend a change at this time, Miss Billig said that she felt it was not too late to register a protest. Thereupon she read a statement of protest from the Student Council.

Professor Jones said that he felt the Senate had not ignored the students' request; rather that the matter had been studied and the request had been denied. He suggested the use of the word "denied" as more properly describing the Senate's action.

Vice President Smith stated that he had been asked by members of the Senate whether his office had received information indicating that disruptions would occur if the examination schedule remained unchanged. He reported that such information had not been received. President Elliott, he said, had appointed a five-man committee to develop contingency plans in the event an emergency should arise. He felt that neither the Senate nor his office had taken part in an effort to "shuffle the Student Council around."

Professor Zuchelli protested the statement that the Committee had given the Student Council "the run around." He stated that the Committee on Educational Policy had met with students over a month ago.

Mr. Henry Ziegler, a student representative, defended Miss Billig's use of the term "ignored," as he said that he had heard no cogent arguments from the Senate to substantiate its reasons for not approving the rescheduling of examinations.

Professor Schlagel maintained that the Senate had presented arguments which he considered cogent, and he represented the statement by Mr. Ziegler as unfair. He addressed himself to the Council President that perhaps the only way the Senate could be considered as not ignoring the students' requests was to approve of them.

After a further statement by Miss Billig that the students who had attended the December meeting of the Senate felt that they had been ignored, Professor Morgan addressed himself to both Senate members and students. He stated that at the December meeting he had not made up his mind concerning the position he would take in the matter of rescheduling examinations. He

listened with considerable interest and decided on the basis of what was said, and he believed that other members of the Senate did the same. He cited instances when he addressed the Senate upon matters with which the majority of members agreed, and other instances when what he had to say was not persuasive. He observed that being heard does not necessarily involve being listened to. However, he maintained that students have not only been heard, they have been listened to. In some instances they have had considerable affect. Professor Morgan agreed with Professor Schlagel's remarks and suggested that the basic truths should be recognized - if one is listened to and his proposals defeated, obviously his arguments have not been persuasive enough.


Dr. Alpert stated that he believed the Senate had acted in good faith and with good sense and that the students had been accorded a very fair hearing. He mentioned the recent election of two students by the Senate, nominated by Student Council, to the Senate Athletics Committee, in opposition to students nominated by members of the Senate.

Although he expressed sympathy with students in many of their demands, Professor Pock stated that he found it most unusual for members of a deliberative body such as the Senate to be forced into a position such as they were witnessing today, where the individual members were having to justify their positions. He moved the Senate reject the protest of the Student Council.

Dr. Alpert moved a substitute motion to accept the statement of protest for information only. The motion to substitute carried unanimously.

President Elliott explained that since he viewed the scheduling of examinations as a faculty responsibility he had suggested that Miss Billig, as President of Student Council, arrange to present the protest at this meeting of the Senate. He further suggested that if Miss Billig considered the four o'clock meeting of the Council necessary and desirable, he would meet with them here at that time. He invited members of the Senate who wished to do so to return and meet with the students at four o'clock.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p. m.


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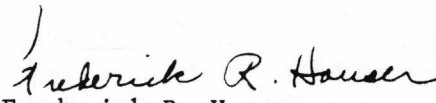
The University Senate

The University Senate will meet on Friday, January 10, 1969, at 2:10 p. m., in the Faculty Conference Room, sixth floor of the Library.

- Agenda:
- 1) Call to order
 - 2) Minutes of previous meeting
 - 3) Announcements by the Chairman of the Executive Committee
 - 4) Nomination of the following as additional members of the Committee on Administrative Matters as They Affect the Faculty, to serve as a Sub-Committee on Registration:

Bertha Bernheisel, Associate Registrar
Maurice Heartfield, Assistant Treasurer
Frederick R. Houser, Registrar
W. W. Kirkpatrick, Associate Dean, Law School
George Koehl, Assoc. Dean, Columbian College
Herbert Kreppel, Data Processing Manager
Homer Lange, Assistant Business Manager
Frederick Naramore, Comptroller
Student (to be recommended by the President
of the Student Council)
C. H. Walther, Asst. V. P. for Academic Affairs
R. C. Willson, Faculty Representative

- 5) Period for brief statements by Senate members and by visitors
- 6) Adjournment


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